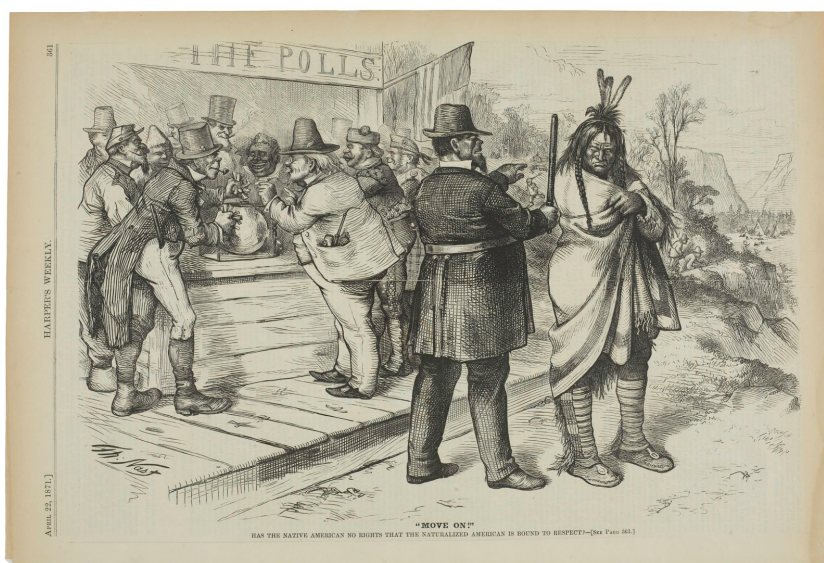


Native Americans



“Move On,” Harper's Weekly, April 22, 1871

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Thomas Nast's cartoon pointed out the hypocrisy of enfranchising naturalized immigrants and not the country's original inhabitants. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, most Native Americans were classified as members of sovereign nations or dependents under guardianship of the U.S. government. Neither were citizens and neither could vote. Even those who were U.S. citizens could not vote in all states.

The Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 made all Native Americans citizens but many states still found ways to keep them from voting.

Elect an Indian

Some Native Americans preferred their traditional cultures and tribal governments and had no interest in U.S. citizenship or ballots. Others desired to combine citizenship with tribal culture. In the 1960s and 1970s Indian empowerment movements began to encourage Native Americans to use voting as a way to help improve conditions and keep tribal autonomy.

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Ha pe kana Chahta micha Chikasha aeina ma

Nitak olbal a mihinti ka Ohoyo hat pe nana hatok o yoka ittilawit heili chatok akinli
kia himak pillah hokano nana achafa hokato e hotofa hokbano elahin hosh e tokosahanli
hoke, yohmi hatuk pulla mako himak November election asha ka ha chi bot atukma isht ish-
peapela hokbano elahni hosh nana asilha anumpa yakohmi ka e chi bohlishke,

Amona—Ohoyo akosh alla putta ka apesahanchit hofantechi hoke, Yohmi akinli kia alla
atukmat hofatit tahacha nana kia ethayana tok osh nana alhtoka kaniohmi kia alhtoka
bana cha nan elipafit ahanta kia, ishki ash osh e bot atukma ish apelat ahanta he keyu
hoke,

Atukla—yohmi tok kia alla illappak ash ot hofantit taha cha ahanta tok osh nana alhpesa
kaniohmi kia kobafi tok osh nana emalhpesa chi hosh kot teikba kia benili na epehisa
cha tok oke, Yohmi hoka Ohoyo micha imalla aeina kat nana alhpesa yoka aenotaka kat
nakni a ittilawi hoke, yohmi hoka Ohoyo hat hatak yakomi kak osh nana alhtoka hok-
bano ahnit bot oka isht apela he at emalpiesa hoke,

Atochina—Ohoyo hat yakni micha nana putta emasha kat tax atukma atohombi hoke, nana
alhpesa aima nana isht ema kaniohmi kat nakni a ittilawi hatok osh bot e kanihiya hi
at aialhpesa pulla hoke,

Yakohmi hoka himak pillah November election asha ka ish piapehinla na anumpa nosh-
kobo atukmat inlat toba na Ohoyo ak kia bot ekanihiyashke,

Anumpa hat yakohmi hosh e tola chi hoke,

YES ☒

NO ☐

yes achi ellappako echa paka yako itta yokhana atumka ek bit ish takalichaske,

Anumpa Kanohmi hosh Okla etek ba itola chi hoke Yohmi Kia anumpa ellappat atokla
hoke.

Yohmi hoka achukmali fehna hosh ha chi bat oka hosh onoh chashke.

MRS. J. W. BROWN, Chickasha.

Chickasaw woman suffrage handbill, 1910

Though part of a matrilineal tribal society, Chickasaw women could not vote in Oklahoma. This handbill encouraged Chickasaw women and men to support woman suffrage.

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Bumper sticker, around 1983

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